

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to further define the array of spaced apart dots comprising the fabric machine-readable code of the present invention. In particular, the yarns forming the spaced apart dots are exposed on the surface of the ground weave at selected distinct and spaced apart locations which define a plurality of straight line patterns. The weaving method taught in the present invention allows the spaced apart dots to be formed in a defined and straight line manner, which allows accurate bar code reading by an automated machine.

No new matter has been added in the present amendment. The claims as currently stated are believed to be unobvious and patentable over the cited prior art. Therefore, Applicant submits that the amended claims are allowable on the merits. Early allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present amendment, or the response filed May 2, 2001, please contact the undersigned by telephone.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or refund any overpayment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to deposit account no. 50-0789.

Respectfully submitted,

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